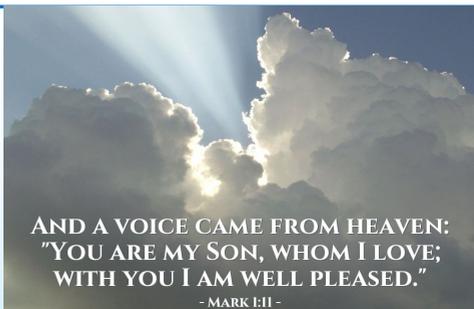


**St Thomas' Church,
Trowbridge & St John's,
West Ashton**

Weekly News

Sunday 10th January 2021



All live services have been suspended for the time being, due to the national lockdown.

You can watch this week's YouTube service with **Allan Coutts** speaking, by searching for **St Thomas' Trowbridge**, or following the link to be sent out by email.

12.15pm "Virtual Coffee after church" (details in email)

10.30am Kingfisher Church on Zoom with Ruth Barber

5.45pm until 7pm Holy Trinity Sunday Evening Online

Waiting room opens at 5.40pm

Topic: Streams in the Desert (Isaiah 35:1-10)

Follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6142598738>

Every day: 7pm Daily Prayer on Zoom (see over for details)

Berakah on Zoom - 11am on Wednesday mornings

13th January **Tom Macmeekin** American retired minister

20th January **Deborah Aason** Australian Christian weightlifting champion

27th January **Melanie Griffin** Transform Europe Network

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Holy Trinity Prayer Space

10am—12 noon every Saturday



**A very Happy 90th Birthday
to Noel Pizzev
from your church family
for Sunday 17th January!**

Daily Prayer

With many signs appearing to be going in the wrong direction for Covid-19, the Prayer Team are re-instituting a daily prayer meeting for 15 mins at 7pm every evening for the rest of the month, so that we can make a concerted joint assault on the virus and its ramifications. Please feel free to join us for as many or as few occasions as you can, and to pass on the information to any you feel might like to join in.

If you want to pray please remember to indicate, and wait to be called in, and, as always, please keep prayers short and to the point!

With every blessing for a Happy New Year! Link below:

David

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76996626417?pwd=MklvNXdtZXRLeGdYSUhVbXJibUFWUT09>

Meeting ID: 769 9662 6417

Passcode: ODyv2B

**Christian Action in the Trowbridge Area (CATA)
(Trowbridge Churches working together in ministry)**

Treasurer

Our current Treasurer wishes to stand down and we are looking to appoint a replacement as soon as possible.

Role and Responsibilities

This is an essential and rewarding role administering the income and expenses for the group of Churches working together to put on joint outreach activities in Trowbridge. You will be part of a small team of officers comprising, Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

CATA Forums – in "normal" times - take place every two months for a couple of hours in the evening and you will be free to join when you can and give a finance update.

There is a small amount of income generated from the annual subscriptions from the 12 member churches due each April. The CATA activities generally take place four times a year notably at Easter and Advent, but there are not a large number of expenses for these. The main event is Church in the Park in July.

Expressions of interest or for more information, please contact Geoff Tate, Deputy Chair

Prayer Course

In 2020 I read 'How To Pray' by Pete Greig (the founder of the 24/7 prayer movement). I subsequently took part in the **Prayer Course** which is based on the book and is set out in a similar way to the Alpha Course – a 20 minute video with discussion questions.

I'm planning to run this 8 session course with anyone who would like to join in, of any age, starting on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm. I expect each session to take no longer than an hour.

If you are willing to volunteer to be a discussion 'facilitator' for a breakout room, please let me know. Ideally, you would be able to 'attend' the Zoom sessions for the full 8 week course. Here is the website where you can find out more info on the 'about' section: <https://prayercourse.org/about/>

Beth Wigley

The Baptism of Christ

The First Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your love and faithfulness;
**for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.**
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
**you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand will save me.**
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
**your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.**

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**